

St. Paul's Epistle

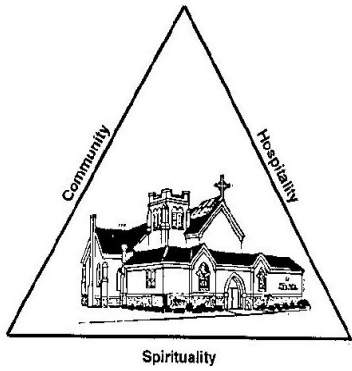
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We're all searching for the Truth.

Sometimes the search is easy — simply type the question into Google and the answer pops up. But, sometimes, our questions are complicated and the answers are difficult to see and even harder to articulate. Over the next seven weeks we'll examine truths that give meaning and purpose to life. If you are curious about Christianity, looking for answers to tough questions or wondering if faith really matters, join us as we search together for truth.



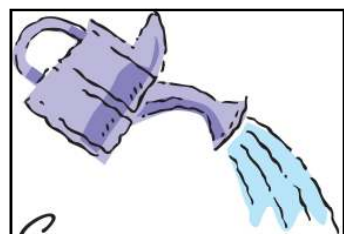
They say April showers bring May flowers, but I can say that the flowers this spring have been marvelous and I hope you have opportunities to get out and enjoy nature. April also means chicken dinner at church, cutting the grass, and going to baseball games.

I hope this spring finds you well,

Pastor Paul

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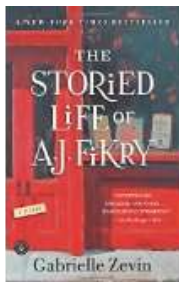
So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.
 1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV

Thought for the Month:

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

St. Paul's Book Club
will meet Saturday,
June 4, 2016,
at 9:00 AM.

We will discuss
The Storied Life of
A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin.



Bring your own breakfast.

Books are available for
purchase in the library.

Seniors Day Out

April 19
12:00 Noon

All seniors welcome!



**Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
volunteers needed:**

Friday, April 29th

Let Tim Piper know if interested.

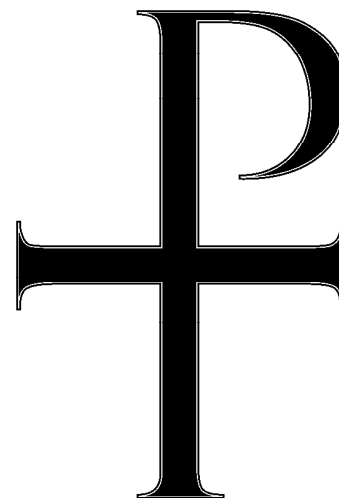
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter
deadline:
the **16th**
of each month

Christian Symbol

Tau Rho

This symbol of salvation is composed of the Greek letters tau (T) and rho (P). It was first used in ancient New Testament manuscripts as an abbreviation for the Greek word for "cross." The symbol also seems to visually represent Jesus on the cross.



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Thank you to **Judy Chaffins** for directing the Chancel Choir. Thank you to **Linda Holman**, organist, and **Lois Cook**, pianist, for their beautiful music. We appreciated all of your hard work in presenting such wonderful music throughout this Lenten season.

Thank you to **Judy Chaffins** for putting together the Children's play "Celebrate Easter" by *Christine Ferguson*, which was presented at the 10:00 AM Easter service. Thank you to all the children and adults who participated. Thank you to **Ron Steiner** for taking the photographs that were presented on the screen. Thank you to **Jamie Wyant** for running the visuals and **Scott Fessler** for the sound.

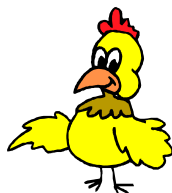
Thank You

Thank You to **Janet Grigg** and others on the Nurture Committee who put together and served the wonderful Easter breakfast, and to those who donated food.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Koinonia Chicken Barbeque
Saturday, April 23
5:00 to 7:00 PM
\$8.00 (presale)
\$8.50 (at the door)
Menu:
1/2 Chicken (Harlan's),
homemade potato salad, applesauce,
roll and homemade dessert
Walk-in, dine-in, or carry-out
Tickets available from
Koinonia members or from
the church office.



April 3
Coins for Communion
to benefit
5 Loaves Food Pantry at
The Church at Allentown



Mexico Mission

Eyeglass Mission Report By Corinne Piper



For most of us, getting a pair of glasses is an every day, if expensive, task. But in many parts of the world, obtaining glasses is beyond people's means or availability. This is one more reason people are mired in poverty.

Enter **VOSH/International** (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) *"a Non-Profit Organization on a Mission to bring Vision to Every Person on the Planet. The Voice of Optometry in Developing Nations Since 1971... Approximately 670 million people worldwide are functionally blind or visually impaired because they do not have a pair of eyeglasses."*

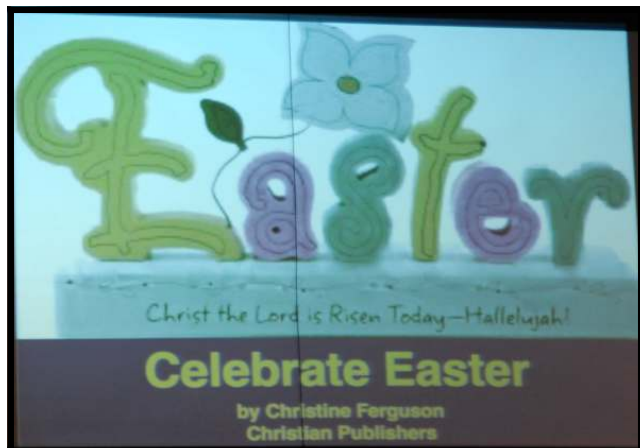
Tim and I were privileged to be part of a VOSH—Alabama trip to Colima, Colima State, Mexico, February 19 through 28, 2016. We joined 28 others from around the eastern U.S. and hosted by five Lions Clubs in Colima as part of a short-term clinic to evaluate the vision of 2068 people in four days and provide several hundred pairs of recycled glasses (from the --- pairs that were sent ahead). By partnering with local Lions clubs, sustainable programs and local optometric capacity are developed in the communities as well

Traveling with us were two ophthalmologists and an optomotrist who provided more extensive visual evaluations when needed. These examinations found 61 cataracts, 11 pterygiums (a growth in the eye caused by sun damage), 9 retinal and 6 glaucoma problems which will receive additional care. Thirty-seven special glasses will be made with the \$750 our group donated. More than 2500 sunglasses were given out to help protect people from further sun damage.

VOSH-International's goal is *"to eradicate untreated refractive error-that is-to help people see again by correcting their vision with glasses. And once they can see, they can improve the quality of their lives and their own vision for a future for generations to come."* Tim and I look forward to returning to Western Mexico next year to continue working toward that goal.




Easter Sunday



Faith In Action

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,466.00



Worship Attendance:

February 28, 2016	105
March 6, 2016	109
March 13, 2016	107
March 20, 2016 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	97
March 24, 2016 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	46
March 27, 2016 <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	75
March 27, 2016 <i>Easter 10 AM</i>	139

Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:	
February 28, 2016	\$1,534.00	\$238.56
March 6, 2016	\$7,532.00	\$3,414.83
March 13, 2016	\$2,449.00	\$392.50
March 20, 2016	\$2,409.00	\$425.50
March 27, 2016	\$3,672.00	\$1,007.35


Greeters

April 3, 2016	Margie Best & Jone Lane
April 10, 2016	Tony & Shirley Shoup
April 17, 2016	OPEN
April 24, 2016	Mike & Becky Ellinger Family

Sunday School Attendance

February 28, 2016	15
March 6, 2016	20
March 13, 2016	17
March 20, 2016	20
March 27, 2016	13

Flower Calendar



April 3, 2016	Carl & Lois Rabley
April 10, 2016	Martha Vazquez
April 17, 2016	Ginny Doseck
April 24, 2016	Jerry Crates

Daily Bible Readings

Friday 4/1

Psalm 118, 136, Exodus 13:1-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Saturday 4/2

Psalm 104, 145
Exodus 13:17-14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

Sunday 4/3

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7, John 14:1-7

Monday 4/4

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12, John 14:(1-7)8-17

Tuesday 4/5

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25, John 14:18-31

Wednesday 4/6

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10, John 15:1-11

Thursday 4/7

Psalm 18, Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-25, John 15:12-27

Friday 4/8

Psalm 16, 17, 134, 135
Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6, John 16:1-15

Saturday 4/9

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19, John 16:16-33

Sunday 4/10

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20

Monday 4/11

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14
Matthew (1:1-17), 3:1-6

Tuesday 4/12

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Exodus 19:1-16
Colossians 1:1-14, Matthew 3:7-12

Wednesday 4/13

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23
Matthew 3:13-17

Thursday 4/14

Psalm 37, Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24-2:7
Matthew 4:1-11

Friday 4/15

Psalm 105, Exodus 24:1-18
Colossians 2:8-23
Matthew 4:12-17

Saturday 4/16

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Exodus 25:1-22
Colossians 3:1-17
Matthew 4:18-25

Sunday 4/17

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38
1 John 2:18-29, Mark 6:30-44

Monday 4/18

Psalm 41, 44, 52, Exodus 32:1-20
Colossians 3:18-4:6(7-18)
Matthew 5:1-10

Tuesday 4/19

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Exodus 32:21-34
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:11-16

Wednesday 4/20

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
Exodus 33:1-23
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:17-20

Thursday 4/21

Psalm 114, 115, Exodus 34:1-17
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Matthew 5:21-26

Friday 4/22

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday 4/23

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday 4/24

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36
Hebrews 12:1-14, Luke 4:16-30

Monday 4/25

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65
Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Tuesday 4/26

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday 4/27

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Matthew 6:19-24

Thursday 4/28

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Leviticus 19:26-37
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 6:25-34

Friday 4/29

Psalm 106
Leviticus 23:1-22
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday 4/30

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Leviticus 23:23-44
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Matthew 7:13-21

Spotlight On Seniors



Meet Hazel Dunn and Evelyn Sarber. Evelyn has been a member of St. Paul's since 1961. Both were born in American Township. Hazel was born on October 13, 1919, and Evelyn was born 3 days later on October 16. Hazel lived on N. Cable Road and Evelyn lived on Diller Road. Their mothers were sisters from PA who married brothers from OH. Hazel was the 2nd born in her family of 3 girls and 3 boys. Evelyn was in the middle of her family of 4 girls and 1 boy. They call themselves double cousins.

They each lived on a farm and walked to school. They attended the Ash Grove School until the 8th grade. The school was located west of the Ash Grove Church that is at the intersection of N. Cable, Beery, and Gomer Roads. Hazel's family raised pigs on their farm and once Hazel had to take some pigs to another farm on her walk to school. There was no water at the school, so the students had to walk to Ash Grove Church to get water. After the 8th grade they attended Elida High School. Their township school ran out of money when Evelyn was in the 8th grade, so the children had to attend a local school, with a different teacher every 2 weeks.

Hazel worked at Westinghouse after high school, where she met her husband, Bill. Westinghouse later transferred Bill to Florida, Cleveland, and Marion, OH. Hazel has one daughter, LaDean, by a previous marriage, who lives in the state of Delaware. Hazel also worked at the Marion, OH, library. After Bill passed away, Hazel moved back to Lima and lived at Gatehouse Apartments. She now lives at Lima Manor.

Evelyn attended Northwestern School of Commerce in downtown Lima after high school. She worked for 3 years at Thomas Communion Service Co., known as the "biggest little business in the world." They supplied and promoted the use of individual glass communion cups and finished wooden offering plates to churches all over the world. Evelyn also worked at the National Bank for 5 yrs. and parttime at the YMCA for 10 years, before starting to work at Standard Oil BP. She retired from Standard Oil in 1985, after 30 years of service. The very next year she began volunteering at St. Rita's Medical Center, where she continues to do so today. She met her husband, Frank, at the National Bank, and married him on January 13, 1945. Frank passed away in 1960. Evelyn's son, John, and his wife, Susan, live in Columbus, OH.

When asked about the most exciting place they had traveled, without hesitation, they both agreed it was their trip to visit their mothers' relatives in Waynesboro, PA, when they were 13 years old. They went on Memorial Day and didn't return to OH until Labor Day. They went to their church's annual meeting in Dayton, OH. Their Uncle Paul Hess had come to the meeting from PA. He took Hazel and Evelyn back to PA with him. Their parents gave each of

Spotlight On Seniors Cont.

them \$5 to spend while they were gone. They spent time with their grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins. On the first night there was a bad storm that broke the glass in the window in their bedroom. After spending a couple of days with their grandparents, they went to live with Aunt Annie and Uncle Will who lived in an old stone house on a farm. They had to help on the farm by gathering sheaves of wheat. Their relatives lived in the area of PA that had big hills. Hazel and Evelyn learned to ride a bicycle in those hills. More than once they landed in the ditch.

They went from Waynesboro, PA, to Winchester, VA, riding in the rumble seat of a sports coupe driven by a cousin living in Philadelphia, PA, to stay with Uncle Willis and Aunt Elizabeth. Uncle Willis and Aunt Elizabeth managed the large Wertz cherry and apple orchard where annually the cherry blossom parade was held. Here, along with 5 more cousins in that family, they picked cherries early in the morning until they filled a gallon bucket and stopped for the day as they had earned \$1. In the afternoon they hitched up the old mule and a riding horse to an old wagon that had a brake on it. It was not common in our area of Ohio for a wagon to have a brake. They drove the wagon to Winchester to buy an ice cream cone for 5 cents. The horse and mule knew the way and always gave them a fast ride home!

Uncle Willis had a Model A Ford and one day 7 kids went to Washington, D.C., in that Ford, from pre-school age to 15 years. The 15 year old cousin drove them. While in D.C., they visited The Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument, White House, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Mt. Vernon and more. They walked, or ran, to the top of the Washington Monument. Hazel won!

They also went to visit Uncle Willis' wife's family in Lancaster, PA, for 2 weeks. There they went shopping for a swim suit for Atlantic City, NJ. Eight of them went to Atlantic City in a Buick open touring car. While there they had a picnic, swam in the Atlantic Ocean, found out there really is salt in ocean water, walked on the boardwalk, and ate salt water taffy.

At a later date they had a great time at Hershey Amusement Park and Gettysburg. On Memorial Day, Hazel's parents drove to PA and brought the girls back home to Ohio, through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where their Grandfather Miller was born and married. What an exciting summer they had. As they both said, **"No grass ever grew under our feet!"**

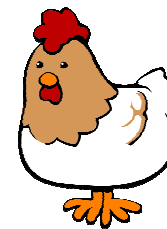
Evelyn visits Hazel every day but Saturday and takes her for a ride in her car on Sunday afternoon. Evelyn manages to slide Hazel into her car and put her wheel chair in the car when they go out to eat!

What a delight it is to visit these two interesting ladies and listen to their stories about their adventures while growing up. Spend time with them and you, too, will be entertained!

Remember When...



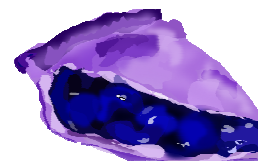
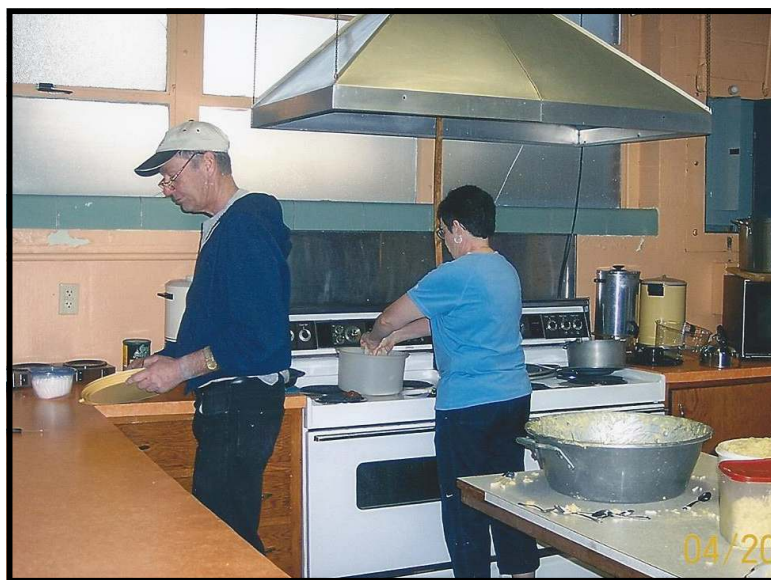
April, 1997
 Chicken Barbeque
 L-R: Dan Best, Tim Theodore, Gene Craft, Linda Craft, Art Holman



April, 1997
 Chicken Barbeque
 Gene Craft



April, 2007
 Chicken Barbeque
 Art Holman, Corinne Piper



Connecting With ...

Our condolences to Mary and Ron Steiner and Shirley and Larry Moser families on the death of Mary's and Shirley's mother, Arleen Fetter, who passed away on Sunday, March 20th. Pastor Paul lead the service on Thursday, March 24th at Chamberlain Huckereide Funeral Home in Lima. Cards may reach the Steiners at 302 N. Greenlawn Ave., Elida, OH 45807. Cards may reach the Mosers at 703 Sunnydale St., Elida, OH 45807.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

Our condolences to Tony and Pam Lozano on the death of Tony's mother, Louise Lozano, who passed away on Friday, March 25. Condolences may be sent to 503 W. Fourth St. Delphos, OH 45833

Congratulations



Congrats to Reggie McAdams and the Akron Zips for a fine basketball season. Akron finished with a record of 26-9, winning the MAC regular season and finishing runners-up in the MAC tournament losing on a last second shot by Buffalo. Akron played Ohio State in the N.I.T., playing them even-up in regulation, but lost in overtime 72-63. Reggie has been named a Second-Team All-MAC selection, and is the Zips' third leading scorer with 400 points with an 11.4 points per game average. He ranks 38th in the NCAA for 3-point FG made, he had 98 three-point baskets this year, tops in the MAC, hitting 41% of his 3's! Reggie was 39th for 3-point FG percentage, and 47th for 3-point FG made per game (2.77). For his career, Reggie scored 975 points for the Zips. Congratulations to Reggie, and to Vickie and Brent who went to quite a few ballgames! We are proud of you! Good luck in finishing your Civil Engineering degree!



The People of St. Paul's

Thank You!

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, and visitations from everyone. They really mean a lot to mom in this difficult time.

The Hardy Family

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 13:35. ESV



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ruth Hardy
Joanna Hurd

Heavenly Showers

All God's blessings go together, like links in a golden chain. If he gives converting grace, he will also give comforting grace. He will send "showers of blessing." Look up today, O parched plant, and open thy leaves and flowers for a heavenly watering.

—Charles H. Spurgeon



Flowers Of Spring by Dillon Staas

*Push aside the clods and stones and struggles to be free.
Break that final barrier, the light of day to see.
Feel the warmth of rising sun; the taste of morning dew,
Sending Mother Nature's love, surging through for you.*

*Reaching to the cool damp earth or gathering the dew,
To store against the summer's sun, when rainy days are few.
Straining up to touch the sky, to catch those golden rays,
Blossoming to touch my heart and cheer my summer days.*



Meetings

APRIL 2016

April 4, 2016
PPR...7:00 PM

April 5, 2016
Trustees...7:00 PM

April 6, 2016
Worship Mtg...6:00 PM

April 11, 2016
Finance...7:00 PM

No Ad Council Mtg.

Sundays
Prayer...8:45 AM
Sunday sch...9:00 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 Mike Crates
3 Demi DeRose David Scannell	4 Lynda Evans Madelyn Thomas	5	6	7 Dan Best	8	9
10 Pam Lozano	11 Brittany Scannell	12	13	14	15 Todd Chaffins	16 Denise Thomas
17 Doug Guess	18 Paul Scannell	19 Maedene Holmes Thad Strauch	20 Kelly Derosé Lori Motzer Aaron Piper	21 Krista Slemmons	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Jaxson Stemen	29 Gerald Strayer	30

Anniversaries

*Carl & Lois Rabley
 April 14; 52y rs.*

*Ray & Phyllis Trigg
 April 15; 56 yrs.*

*John & Joy Fletcher
 April 17*

*Tony & Pam Lozano
 April 17*

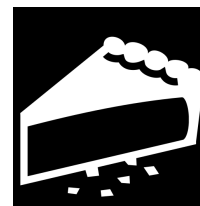
*Bobby & Jacquie Bice
 April 19*

*Brad & Kim Selover
 April 28; 37 yrs.*

St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Chocolate Pie By Linda Matlock

Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/2 cups	Sugar	Mix sugar, flour and cocoa. Add milk and beaten egg.
1/2 cup	Flour	
1/2 cup	Cocoa	Cook, stirring constantly. When it starts to thicken, add butter and vanilla. Cool.
2 cups	Milk	
1	Beaten egg	Put in a baked pie shell and top with whipped cream or Cool Whip.
2 Tbl.	Butter	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1	Baked pie shell	
	Whipped cream or Cool Whip	



If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please email it to the office or drop it off at the office.

Applesauce Muffins By Mary Holmes

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	Flour	Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2/3 cup	Packed brown sugar	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	Combine first 5 dry ingredients in bowl. Add mixture of shortening, applesauce and egg; Mix well.
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Pumpkin pie spice	Lightly spray muffin cups with cooking spray. Do not use cupcake liners as the muffins will stick to them.
1/4 cup	Melted shortening	
1 cup	Applesauce	Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes. If made into mini muffins check after 10 minutes of baking.
1	egg	



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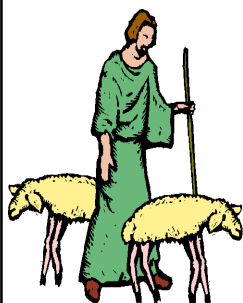


Living Our Faith

A Shepherd's Role

While traveling in Iran, writer Eric Bishop asked a villager about an earthen enclosure topped with dry thorns. The man said sheep stayed in the round space at night for safety. "What are the thorns for?" Bishop asked. "If a wolf tries to break in and attack the sheep," the man replied, "he'll knock against the thorns, and they'll make a noise, and the shepherd will wake up and drive off the wolf."

Pointing out the enclosure's doorless entrance, Bishop asked why a wolf wouldn't just enter there. Because, replied the villager, "that's where the shepherd sleeps; the shepherd is the door."



Suddenly Bishop understood why in John 10 Jesus calls himself first the door, or gate, for the sheep and then the Good Shepherd. Because Jesus is the shepherd, he's also the door that keeps us, his sheep, safe within his care.

Staying Sharp

The English word character comes from Greek for a sharp-pointed instrument. Much of this original meaning is implied in the word as we use it, for isn't character the means by which we make an impression on the world? To be sure, the instrument itself is not a finished product [but] a mere tool; but, like many a fine instrument, character improves with use. Our actions and reactions temper the blade and make the edge powerful or impotent. We each must forge our own character, be responsible for keeping it in condition and be responsible for its results.

Author unknown

